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U.S. DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

v.

RONALD LEE VAN NOTE, II,

Defendant.

No. 4:24-CR-06023-MKD

ORDER GRANTING
DEFENDANT'S MOTION TO
CONTINUE AND MOTION TO
EXPEDITE, AND SECOND CASE
MANAGEMENT ORDER

ECF Nos. 20, 22

Before the Court are Defendant's Unopposed Motion to Continue Trial and Set New Pretrial Conference and Related Deadlines, ECF No. 20, and related Motion to Expedite, ECF No. 22. Defendant states a continuance is necessary to review discovery, investigate the United States' allegations, and prepare a competent defense. Defendant has filed a Waiver of Speedy Trial Rights, accompanied by a Statement of Reasons, in support of the motion. ECF No. 23. The United States does not object to a continuance. ECF No. 20 at 2.

The Court has reviewed the file, has heard from counsel, and is fully informed. The Court finds that, taking into account the exercise of due diligence,

1 the current trial date of December 9, 2024, would deprive defense counsel of
2 adequate time to obtain and review discovery and conduct effective preparation.
3 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(7)(B)(iv). Therefore, the Court finds that the ends of justice
4 are served by a continuance in this matter and further that the ends of justice served
5 by a continuance outweigh the best interests of the public and Defendant in a
6 speedy trial. 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(7)(A).

7 Accordingly, **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:**

8 **1.** Defendant's Unopposed Motion to Continue Trial and Set New
9 Pretrial Conference and Related Deadlines, **ECF No. 20**, and Motion to
10 Expedite, **ECF No. 22**, are **GRANTED**.

11 **2.** The current trial date of **December 9, 2024** is **STRICKEN** and
12 **RESET** for **February 10, 2025, at 9:00 a.m.**, commencing with a final
13 pretrial conference at **8:30 a.m.** Trial shall take place in **Richland**,
14 Washington.

15 **3.** The pretrial conference set for **November 21, 2024** is **STRICKEN**
16 and **RESET** for **January 23, 2025, at 11:00 a.m.** in **Richland**, Washington.

17 **4.** Counsel for defense shall notify Defendant of all hearings and ensure
18 Defendant's attendance at court.

19 **5. Local Criminal Rules.** Counsel shall comply with the Eastern
20 District of Washington Local Criminal Rules of Procedure (LCrR), except

1 where specifically modified below or by subsequent Order.

2 **6. Emailing the Court.** Where this Order requires counsel to email
3 documents to the Court, all documents shall be attached to the email in
4 Microsoft Word (.doc/.docx) or rich-text (.rtf) format. The subject line of
5 each email shall be formatted as follows:

6 [Case No.]; [Case Name]; [Title of Document]

7 (e.g.: 13-cr-9999-MKD; USA v. Doe; Trial Brief)

8 **7. Discovery**

9 **A.** All discovery documents must be Bates-stamped with a unique
10 identifier and must be produced digitally in a text-searchable
11 format. The Court will grant relief from this requirement only
12 in exceptional circumstances, upon motion and good cause
13 shown.

14 **B.** Production of discovery shall be governed by Local Criminal
15 Rule 16. *See* LCrR 16.

16 **C.** The Court presumes a request for discovery and disclosure
17 under Federal Rules of Evidence 404(b), 608(b), and 609,
18 *Brady v. Maryland*, 373 U.S. 83 (1963), *Giglio v. United States*,
19 405 U.S. 150 (1972), *United States v. Henthorn*, 931 F.2d 29
20 (9th Cir. 1991), and their progeny, and as such these items are

1 ordered disclosed by the deadline set forth in Local Criminal
2 Rule 16.

3 **D.** At arraignment or within 14 days thereafter, the United States is
4 required to disclose evidence relating to Defendant's guilt or
5 punishment that might reasonably be considered favorable to
6 the Defendant. *See* LCrR 16(a)(6); *see also Brady*, 373 U.S.
7 83; *United States v. Agurs*, 427 U.S. 97 (1976); Fed. R. Crim.
8 P. 5(f).¹ This is a continuing duty for newly discovered
9 evidence. LCrR 16(c); *see also* ECF No. 18.

10 **E.** Pursuant to Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 16(d)(2),
11 failure to comply may result in an order permitting the
12 discovery or inspection; granting a continuance; or any other
13 order that is just under the circumstances (including contempt,
14 sanctions, referral to a disciplinary authority, dismissal of
15 charges, exclusion of evidence or witnesses, and adverse jury
16 instructions).

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18 ¹ Nothing in this requirement enlarges or diminishes the United States' obligation
19 to disclose information and evidence to the Defendant under *Brady* and its
20 progeny.

1 **8. Expert Witness Summaries**

2 **A.** When each party produces to opposing counsel summaries of
3 its expert witness testimony for which disclosure is required
4 under Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 16 and Local
5 Criminal Rule 16, counsel shall also email an electronic copy of
6 the summary to the Court at DimkeOrders@waed.uscourts.gov.

7 **B.** All summaries of expert witness testimony must conform to
8 Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 16, Local Criminal Rule
9 16, and applicable case law interpreting those Rules. The Court
10 will not permit an expert witness to testify about opinions
11 which are not explicitly expressed in that expert's summary.
12 *See, e.g., United States v. W.R. Grace*, 526 F.3d 499 (9th Cir.
13 2008).

14 **9. CM/ECF Technical Assistance.** Parties requiring technical
15 assistance concerning the CM/ECF system, such as the procedures for filing
16 non-scannable exhibits, shall consult the District's "Electronic How To"
17 page (<https://www.waed.uscourts.gov/electronic-how>) or contact the
18 CM/ECF Help Desk by phone at (866) 236-5100 or (509) 458-3410 or by
19 email at ecfinfo@waed.uscourts.gov. Inquiries requesting technical
20 assistance concerning the CM/ECF system shall not be directed to the

Judge's chambers.

10. Motions Practice

A. **Generally.** All motions shall either be: a) noted for hearing without oral argument fourteen (14) days after filing, or b) noted for hearing with oral argument at the pretrial conference pursuant to Local Criminal Rule 12(c). Responses and replies to motions must be filed in accordance with Local Criminal Rule 45 and 47, which incorporate the requirements of Local Civil Rule 7.1.

B. **Expedited Hearing.** Any party seeking an expedited hearing on a time-sensitive matter must comply with Local Criminal Rule 12(c)(3).

C. If a case has more than one defendant, the Court will construe any motion, including motions to continue, as applying to *all* defendants, unless that defendant indicates they do not wish to be joined in the motion. **Defendants thus do not need to file motions to join. Any Defendant wishing to opt out of a motion shall file a notice so stating within seven days of the filing of the motion.**

D. **Sealed Documents.** Any and all sealed documents shall be

1 filed by the parties under the sealed event as a sealed document.
2 The parties are not required to file a separate motion to seal a
3 document. The parties shall file any objections to a sealed
4 document by no later than five days after the filing of the sealed
5 document. The Court will thereafter review the sealed
6 document and any objections filed to determine whether the
7 document should be unsealed. Any party filing a sealed
8 document shall email DimkeOrders@waed.uscourts.gov to
9 inform the Court of the filing. The email shall note the ECF
10 number of the sealed document and the general nature of the
11 document.

12 **11. Witness Testimony.** At any hearing, including trial, in which witness
13 testimony is given, the witness must testify in Court. Absent exceptional
14 circumstances, a testifying witness may not appear by telephone or video
15 conference.

16 **12. Trial Continuances**

17 **A. Motion Deadline.** All motions to continue the trial must be
18 heard before or at the pretrial conference. **Any motion to**
19 **continue trial made after the pretrial conference has**
20 **occurred will not be granted absent exceptional**

1 circumstances.

2 **B. *Statement of Reasons.*** If the Defendant seeks a continuance, a
3 Speedy Trial Waiver and Statement of Reasons in support of
4 the motion to continue must be filed contemporaneously with
5 the motion.² The Statement of Reasons must 1) be signed by
6 the Defendant, 2) be signed by a certified translator, if
7 applicable, and 3) indicate the latest date upon which Defendant
8 is willing to proceed to trial. **The Court requests that the**
9 **Speedy Trial Waiver and Statement of Reasons extend two**
10 **weeks past the new proposed trial date.**

11 **C. *Procedure.*** Before filing a motion to continue, counsel shall
12 first contact the Courtroom Deputy at (509) 943-8172 to obtain
13 new pretrial conference and trial dates consistent with the
14 length of the requested trial continuance. Thereafter, counsel
15 shall confer with opposing counsel regarding case management
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17 ² The Court's Speedy Trial Waiver and Statement of Reasons form can be found at
18 the following link:

19 [https://www.waed.uscourts.gov/sites/default/files/forms/Speedy%20Trial%20Waiv](https://www.waed.uscourts.gov/sites/default/files/forms/Speedy%20Trial%20Waiver%205-13-22.docx)
20 [er%205-13-22.docx](https://www.waed.uscourts.gov/sites/default/files/forms/Speedy%20Trial%20Waiver%205-13-22.docx)

1 deadlines³ consistent with the new pretrial conference and trial
2 date. **All motions to continue must include proposed case**
3 **management deadlines (either joint or individual) to ensure**
4 **the to-be-imposed deadlines are best suited to this case.**

5 **13. Pretrial Conference**

6 **A.** The Pretrial Conference is scheduled as indicated in the
7 Summary of Deadlines below. At this hearing, the Court will
8 hear **ALL** pretrial motions that are noted for oral argument.

9 **B.** All pretrial conferences are scheduled to last no more than
10 **thirty (30) minutes**, with each side allotted **fifteen (15)**
11 **minutes** to present their own motions and resist motions by
12 opposing counsel. If any party anticipates requiring longer than
13 fifteen minutes, that party must notify the Courtroom Deputy at
14 least seven (7) days prior to the hearing. **Any party who fails**
15 **to provide this notice will be limited to fifteen (15) minutes.**

17 ³ A form with the Court's standard case management deadlines can be found at the
18 following link:

19 <https://www.waed.uscourts.gov/sites/default/files/forms/Proposed%20CMO%20D>
20 <ates%20for%20Public%20Website.docx>

1 **C.** If a motion is to be heard with oral argument, and a party plans
2 to call witnesses or present exhibits, that party must file an
3 exhibit and/or witness list by no later than **72 hours** before the
4 hearing on the motion.

5 **D.** If a party intends to use a laptop, thumb drive, or DVD or CD
6 for presentation of documents, or audio or video recordings,
7 that party must contact the Courtroom Deputy at least **one week**
8 prior to the hearing and confirm the compatibility of the
9 technology and equipment.

10 **E.** If a party intends to use a demonstrative exhibit, such as a
11 PowerPoint presentation, it must be submitted to the Court and
12 all opposing parties at least **24 hours** prior to its intended use.

13 **14. Exhibit Lists**

14 **A.** On the date set forth in the Summary of Deadlines, after
15 conferring with counsel, each party shall file a list of exhibits
16 the party intends to introduce at trial. Each party shall also
17 email copies of their exhibit list to the Court at
18 DimkeOrders@waed.uscourts.gov.

The parties shall provide their exhibit list in the following format:

Ex. #	Admitted	Description
1		Photograph of items seized
2		Aerial video surveillance from 1/1/2011. Start Time: 01:03:23 End Time: 01:09:54

Exhibit lists shall include a unique exhibit number and a brief description of the exhibit. For all exhibits consisting of an audio or video file, the exhibit list must designate the precise beginning and ending time indexes of the portion of the file the party intends to use at trial.

B. The United States shall consecutively number their exhibits from **1 to 999**. In single-defendant cases, Defendant shall consecutively number exhibits from **1000 to 1999**; in multi-defendant cases, Defendants shall consecutively number exhibits from x000 to x999, substituting “x” for each Defendant’s assigned case identifier (e.g., Defendant 3 would number exhibits from 3000 to 3999, etc.). Exhibits shall be pre-marked for identification before trial commences.

1 **15. Witness Lists.** On the date set forth in the Summary of Deadlines,
2 after conferring with counsel, each party shall file and serve a list of
3 witnesses that party intends to call to testify at trial. **The witness list must**
4 **identify the existence, but need not include the name, of any confidential**
5 **informant (CI) the United States intends to call to testify.** Parties shall
6 email copies of their witness list to the Court at
7 DimkeOrders@waed.uscourts.gov.

8 **16. Trial Briefs, Proposed Jury Instructions and Verdict Form, and**
9 **Requested Voir Dire.** On the date set forth in the Summary of Deadlines,
10 after conferring with counsel, each party shall file a trial brief, proposed jury
11 instructions and verdict form, and requested voir dire, in accordance with the
12 requirements below. Each party shall email copies to the Court at
13 DimkeOrders@waed.uscourts.gov.

14 **A. Trial Briefs.** Trial briefs shall not exceed twenty (20) pages
15 without prior Court approval, upon motion and good cause
16 shown.

17 **B. Proposed Jury Instructions and Verdict Form.** Jury
18 instructions shall 1) address issues that are unique to the case,
19 and 2) include instructions regarding the elements of each
20 charge or defense. If a Ninth Circuit Model Jury Instruction

exists for a particular charge or defense, the parties shall provide the model instruction or shall submit argument as to why the instruction is inadequate or no longer supported by law. Proposed jury instructions shall be accompanied by a proposed verdict form. **The parties must confer to develop joint proposed jury instructions and the verdict form.** The Court will only accept an individual party's proposed jury instructions on those points/issues upon which the parties could not agree, and only if the party's memoranda accompanying the individually-proposed instruction(s) sets forth the legal authority and justification for why the instruction is necessary.

C. *Requested Voir Dire.* The parties may request that the Court include specific questions during the Court's standard voir dire. Requested voir dire shall not duplicate information elicited in the Clerk's Office Jury Questionnaire ("COJQ") and the Court's Criminal Jury Trial Procedures Letter.

17. Exhibit Binders. On the date set forth in the Summary of Deadlines, after conferring with counsel, each party must provide to all other parties and to the Court a Bates-stamped copy of all trial exhibits — or, in the case of physical exhibits, a photograph or other reproduction of the exhibit — the

1 party intends to introduce at trial. All trial exhibits shall be organized
2 sequentially by exhibit number in a three-ring binder.

3 **18. JERS**

4 **A.** The Court utilizes the Jury Evidence Recording System (JERS),
5 a system that makes electronic evidence available in the jury
6 room during deliberations. **Counsel shall promptly consult**
7 **the Court’s “JERS Instructions for Attorneys”⁴ to ensure**
8 **they acquire, retain, and provide evidence to the Court in**
9 **the necessary format.**

10 **B.** On the date set forth in the Summary of Deadlines, after
11 conferring with counsel, each party who intends to introduce
12 evidence at trial must supply a CD, DVD, or USB drive to the
13 Courtroom Deputy containing all of that party’s exhibits in the
14 required format. Counsel may contact the Courtroom Deputy at
15 (509) 943-8172 with any questions.

18 ⁴ This document can be found on the Court’s public website at the following link:
19 [https://www.waed.uscourts.gov/sites/default/files/support/jers_basics_for_lawyers](https://www.waed.uscourts.gov/sites/default/files/support/jers_basics_for_lawyers%207.2024.pdf)
20 [%207.2024.pdf](https://www.waed.uscourts.gov/sites/default/files/support/jers_basics_for_lawyers%207.2024.pdf)

19. Trial Notices. On the date set forth in the Summary of Deadlines, after conferring with counsel, each party shall file a notice that indicates the amount of time requested for opening statement and for voir dire. In addition, defense counsel must indicate if his/her client waives presence at sidebar and jury questions.

20. Technology Readiness Meeting. On the date set forth in the Summary of Deadlines, any party seeking to offer video or audio evidence at trial must meet with Court staff at the location of the trial to verify compatibility with the Court's presentation systems. The parties shall contact the Courtroom Deputy at (509) 943-8172 to arrange this meeting.

21. Summary of Deadlines

United States' Expert Disclosures	December 26, 2024
All pretrial motions, including discovery motions, <i>Daubert</i> motions, and motions <i>in limine</i>, filed	January 2, 2025
PRETRIAL CONFERENCE <i>Deadline for motions to continue trial</i>	January 23, 2025 11:00 a.m. - RICHLAND
CIs' identities and willingness to be interviewed disclosed to Defendant (if applicable)	January 27, 2025
Grand jury transcripts produced to Defendant Case Agent: CIs: Other Witnesses:	January 27, 2025
Exhibit lists filed and emailed to the Court	January 27, 2025
Witness lists filed and emailed to the Court	January 27, 2025
Trial briefs, jury instructions, verdict forms, and requested voir dire filed and emailed to the Court	January 27, 2025

Exhibit binders delivered to all parties and to the Court	February 3, 2025
Delivery of JERS-compatible digital evidence files to the Courtroom Deputy	February 3, 2025
Trial notices filed with the Court	February 3, 2025
Technology readiness meeting (in-person)	February 3, 2025
FINAL PRETRIAL CONFERENCE	February 10, 2025 8:30 a.m. - RICHLAND
JURY TRIAL	February 10, 2025 9:00 a.m. - RICHLAND

22. A Waiver of Speedy Trial Rights, accompanied by a Statement of Reasons, has been signed and filed by Defendant. **ECF No. 23.** All time from the current trial date of **December 9, 2024**, to the new trial date of **February 10, 2025**, is **EXCLUDED** for speedy trial calculations pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(7).

23. All time from the filing of Defendant's Motion to Continue on **November 18, 2024**, to the date of the disposition of the motion on **November 20, 2024**, is **EXCLUDED** for speedy trial calculations pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(1)(D).

IT IS SO ORDERED. The Clerk's Office is directed to enter this Order and provide copies to all counsel, the U.S. Probation Office, and the U.S. Marshals Service.

DATED November 20, 2024.

s/Mary K. Dimke
MARY K. DIMKE
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE